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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 12, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on July 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Fayette Hay, Crystal McQueen and Eugena Monroe, Deputy Auditor, Grant Reeves (County Attorney), Bill Schimer (Redevelopment Board), John Palmer (Economic Development), Sara Duffy (Franklin County School Board Representative/Reporter), Dale Maxie, Pete Cates (Sheriff), Rob Seig (Surveyor), Terry Duffy (Whitewater Canal Trails), Mildred Simmermeyer, Darrel Cramer, Roger Baumer, Larry Smith

Open: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Linkel

Franklin County Redevelopment Revisit of 2012 Ordinance

Bill Schimer and John Palmer came before the to revise the Ordinance 2012-27 to remove paragraph two of the ordinance. Bill and John both supported the removal of paragraph two due to the material covered in this section is now handled either by the Franklin County Commissioners and/or Council. The Franklin County School Board representative Sara Duffy asked the Commissioners to table a any motion until there is an establish guaranteed percentage of monetary redevelopment funds solely dedicated to the school system. Grant Reeves advised that he had to abstain from this topic due to dual representation of the County and the School Board. He did state that the State of Indiana usually suggested up to 15 percent. Tom Linkel reinforced that they were just removing paragraph two from the Ordinance 2012-27. Linkel stated that everything still has to come before the Commissioners and/or Council making everything public. Citizens will still have the right to opt in or out. Please see reference paper/digital forms of Ordinance 2012-27 and 2022-10.

Tom Linkel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-10 to revise Redevelopment Ordinance 2012-27 in removing paragraph 2. In this motion Redevelopment Committee is to place a pilot program to provide 15% of the funds collected to go directly to the Franklin County School District. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried

Canal Trail Business Agreement on Dam Road

Whitewater Canal Trail Inc. representatives came before the Commissioners to ask to use the County's right away along Dam Road for the Whitewater Canal Trail. The State (Discontinued Railroad Property) and County's property overlap on Dam Road. The Whitewater Canal Trail Inc. has been working along with Brian DeFosset from the County Highway.

Tom Linkel made a motion to temporary allow Whitewater Canal Trail Inc. permission to use the County's right away along Dam Road until a written agreement is established. Amend the motion to include the condition of continuation of working with the County Highway on the Whitewater Canal Trail projects. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried.

Right of Ways for Spectrum

Dale Maxie came before Commissioners to advise that Spectrum does not have a right away through his property even though, they have signed permission letter from the County. The County does not have a right away or easement through his property. Spectrum before starting work never approach the landowner for permission to access the property. Spectrum never had permission to proceed with the work and damaged the property before being told to stop. Dale Maxie advised the Commissioners that Spectrum are trespassing and damaging private property.

Treasurers Monthly June 2022 Report

Tom Linkel made a motion to accept the Treasurers June 2022 Report. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried.

Clerks Monthly June 2022 Report

Tom Linkel made a motion to accept the Clerks June 2022 Report. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried.

Claims, Payroll, Payroll Deductions

Tom Linkel made a motion to accept claims for the amount of \$443,378.06. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried.

Tom Linkel made a motion to accept Payroll and Payroll Deductions in the amount of \$203,731.98. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried.

Tom Linkel made a motion to accept payment of Utilities in the amount of \$135,658.16 and James Boyd Ditch in the amount of \$6,272.50. Payments mention in the amount of Park Sales Tax \$776.19, Advance \$73,660.72, and Lit \$703,694.17. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried

AARP Courthouse and Annex Building Exterior Painting

The Commissioners made public to accept bids to paint the exterior of the Courthouse and Annex building. Only one company presented a bid, Chase Painting LLC. This bid can be accepted as long as it is document how the County did attempt to receive three bids for this project. The Commissioners are going to make a motion to accept the bid from Chase Painting LLC. This will still need to be approved by the AARP Committee and County Council.

Tom Linkel made a motion to accept Chase Painting LLC to paint the exterior of the Courthouse for \$151,000 and the exterior of the Annex Building for \$19,000. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried.

School Resource Officer Agreement Renewal


Tom Linkel made a motion to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement between the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and the Franklin County Indiana School System. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried.

Community Crossing Grant

CCMG 2022 reference the tabling of Five Points and Whitcomb Rd projects. Dave O'Mara had the lowest bid for both roads.

Tom Linkel made a motion to approve contractor Dave O'Mara with a bid of \$1,095,196.88 for the Five Points and Whitcomb Road Community Crossing Grant. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried.

Tom Linkel made a motion to adjourn the July 12, 2022 Commissioner's Meeting. Gerald Wendel 2nd, Motion Carried.

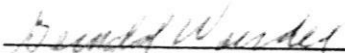


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ATTESTED BY: 
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor